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IN RE: BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD ANTITRUST LITIGATION

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# JOINT NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF PROVIDER PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO DISQUALIFY CYRIL SMITH AND FOR CORRECTIVE NOTICE

Provider Plaintiffs, Cyril Smith, and Zuckerman Spaeder, LLP (together, the "Parties") have reached an agreement to withdraw the Provider Plaintiffs' Motion to Disqualify Cyril Smith and For Corrective Notice [Doc. 3232] ("Motion"). In reliance on that agreement and the representations therein, the Parties hereby provide notice of the withdrawal of the Motion with prejudice.

Dated: February 20, 2025 Respectfully submitted,

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